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ATTN OF: LEED

SUBJECT: Engineering Technical Letter (ETL) 90-5:

Fuel and Lube Oil Bulk Storage Capacity for Emergency Generators

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1. Attached for your information and action is the requirement for minimum-day bulk storage of emergency generators fuel and lube oil.

## 2. Purpose. This ETL:

- a. Is authorized in accordance with AFR 8-7, Air Force Engineering Technical Letters (ETL) dated 9 January 1986, and is to be implemented accordingly.
- b. Supersedes AFR 88-15, paragraph 16-63a and all other previous guidance on storage of fuel and lube oil systems.
- c. Implements recommendations for fuel and lube oil bulk storage for emergency generators in HQ AFAA Report of Audit, Selected Aspects of the Energy Security Program Management of Emergency Generators (Project No. 9205215).
- 3. Effective Date: This ETL is effective immediately for projects in the FY92 and subsequent MILCON Programs.
- 4. New Guidance. Adequately sized fuel and lube oil storage systems are to be provided as a part of the on-site electric generating plant. Class A plants shall include sufficient bulk storage capacity to operate the plant for a minimum of 30 days at the expected maximum demand or 20 percent of the annual requirement, whichever is largest. Class B and C plants, including individual emergency generator units, shall include enough bulk storage for a minimum of three days at the expected maximum demand, unless otherwise authorized by the Requiring Command in coordination with the Host Command. At remote locations, a 30-day or greater fuel supply is acceptable regardless of the class of the plant. Permanently installed (RPIE) Class C engines, housed in the open, but within their own protective shelter, shall have a day tank sized as in Table 16-5. All other plant configurations shall have a day tank for each engine to allow for 10 hours (at expected maximum demand) of operation and shall follow NFPA installation criteria, if located inside the plant.

- a. Aircraft Hydrant Fueling Systems. Fuel storage tanks of any size are not required for emergency diesel generator sets that are used to provide power for pumps in aircraft hydrant fueling systems handling JP-8. The generator day tanks are filled directly from the aircraft fuel storage and supply is essentially unlimited.
- b. JP-8 Warning. Where JP-8 vs DF-2 is used as the primary fuel, once the temperature in the day tank rises above 100 degrees Fahrenheit (the flash point of JP-8), the fuel's volatility becomes similar to JP-4 or gasoline. In any location where JP-8 is used as the primary fuel and the temperature may normally exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit (2.5% dry bulb temperature exceeds 97 degrees Fahrenheit per AFM 88-29, Chp 1), electrical hardware must comply with the requirements of NFPA 70 Class I Division II.
- 5. The point of contact is Mr. R.S. Fernandez at AV 297-4083 or (202) 767-4083.

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